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In re Application of :
SOUZA et al. :
Application No.: 10/519,782 : DECISION ON PETITION
PCT No.: PCT/US03/20633 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)
Int. Filing: 01 July 2003 :
Priority Date: 02 July 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 2003CIPPCT :
For: NIGHTLIGHT, LED POWER SUPPLY :
CIRCUIT, AND COMBINATION :
THEREOF :

This decision is in response to applicants' "Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a)" filed 06 February 2006 to accept the application without the signature of joint inventors, Michael Souza and John Ferreira. The \$200 petition fee has been submitted.

BACKGROUND

On 01 July 2003, applicants filed international application PCT/US03/20633, which claimed a priority date 02 July 2002. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.495, the period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired 30 months from the priority date, 02 January 2005.

On 29 December 2004, applicants filed a transmittal for entry into the national stage in the United States, which accompanied by the requisite basic national fee as required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1) and a copy of the international application.

On 06 February 2006, applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), (2) factual proof that the missing joint inventor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and behalf of the non-signing joint inventor.

A complete review of the papers filed 06 February 2006 reveals that petitioner has paid the requisite petition fee, provided sufficient proof that the non-signing inventors (Michael Souza and John Ferreira) refused to sign, stated the last known address of the

non-signing inventors (Michael Souza and John Ferreira), and provided an acceptable declaration. Accordingly, all of the requirements of items (1), (2), (3), and (4) above have been satisfied.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

The application has an international filing date of 01 July 2003 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of 06 February 2006 under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventor at his last known address of record.

A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.



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Dear John Ferreira:

You are named as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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